

VISSCHER, LOUIS GEORGE. Died in Los Angeles, July 15, at age 84. Graduate of Julius-Maximilians-Universität, Medizinische Fakultät, Würzburg, Bavaria, 1891. Licensed in California in 1898. Doctor Visscher was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the California Medical Association.



WALT, RICHARD WILLIAM. Died in Los Angeles, August 16, 1948, aged 35, in an automobile accident. Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1942. Licensed in California in 1942. Dr. Walt was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Philip Kingsnorth Gilman

"By his works ye shall know him"

The medical profession received the announcement of the death of Dr. Philip K. Gilman with deep-seated regret. There now exists a void where once was a source of strength upon which so many relied.

Following a mild distress five days previously, while occupied in State hospital investigations, Dr. Gilman was under medical care when, on the morning of September 7, 1948, the end came suddenly from a coronary occlusion.

Dr. Gilman was probably personally acquainted with more physicians and knew more laymen of prominence than most of his contemporaries. Men in all important walks of life sought his advice almost daily, even through the last three years while he was engaged in the study of hospital needs throughout the state for the Department of Health. His judgment, with his humanitarianism was always available for any problem. These services he rendered will long be remembered.

Life began for Doctor Gilman in Oakland 69 years ago. His youth was rich in the opportunity of learning to enjoy the outdoor life. Following an academic degree at Stanford University, he studied medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School. Upon graduation in 1905, he answered a call for medical work in Manila where he spent several years as surgeon and teacher. He again became a resident of California in 1916, joined the faculty of Stanford Medical School and engaged in the private practice of surgery in San Francisco. For many years he was Clinical Professor of Surgery at Stanford. The first world war found him a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve attached to Naval Base Hospital No. 2, which saw service in Scotland. He never lost his attachment for the Navy and, in the following years, he rose in rank until, in 1939, he was appointed Captain. He accepted active duty in June of 1941, served under the District Medical Officer of the Twelfth Naval District, was Medical Procurement Officer, Executive Officer at Naval Hospital, Oakland, and Assistant District Medical Officer. He was transferred to

the honorary retired list, for age, in 1943 and retained on active duty until April, 1945.

It was upon his return to private practice after the first world war that Doctor Gilman gave so much of himself to his profession and the community. Being public spirited, he responded to any request to serve. He gave of his time to his county society, the State society, the Community Chest, the California Physicians' Service. He coordinated the thoughts and efforts of a number of public spirited physicians in San Francisco into a local organization which, soon after, developed into the Public Health League of California.

Doctor Gilman served his county society as a member of the Board of Directors for nine years, actively represented that organization in the state society House of Delegates for five years, and was president of it in 1936. In all these posts his faithfulness was steadfast and ability outstanding.

He served on the council of the state association for eight years and was chairman from 1940 to 1946. It was while holding the position of chairman that his judgment, his ability to sense the right action and his good influence over physician and layman came to the fore and rendered such valuable service to the society. Many of the policies adopted then are accepted as standards in the society today.

The state society tendered the highest honor to Dr. Gilman by electing him president-elect in May, 1944, and president May 7, 1945.

Other services were rendered to his profession without stint as in the Pacific Coast Surgical Society and the National Council of Presidents of State Medical Societies.

Dr. Gilman was a great physician, a skillful surgeon, an excellent diagnostician. He was always considerate of the patient, kindly, gentle, reassuring. To be under his care was to be a faithful disciple, happy to follow his advice. He exemplified the true spirit of Hippocrates. He was a real teacher, imparting clearly his knowledge to his students, who invariably returned to him for advice and counsel.

The optimism and vivacity of youth retained by Dr. Gilman to the last was, in no small part, due to the pleasure of participating regularly in the plays of the Bohemian Club in the Bohemian Grove. He accepted his part and read his lines with a voice and spirit that carried all on to success.

A sterling character, graciousness, gentleness, generosity beyond the average, fearlessness, and a determination to give his all to improve the economies of his profession, to protect the ill from over-zealous sociologists, to preserve the freedom of living we have enjoyed, were attributes of Dr. Gilman. His life is a model to be studied and emulated. While bowing in reverence to the passing of a true friend, let us offer thanks for the privilege of living and working with a great citizen.

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